

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
SECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

POST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN
STB DOCKET NO. AB-55 (Sub-No. 670X)

October 6, 2006

ABANDONMENT TYPE

The time for comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) has expired in this:

() Notice of Exemption (X) Petition for Exemption () Regulated Abandonment

(X) **NO NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED**

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SEA served an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this proceeding on September 5, 2006 for public review and comment. In the EA, SEA recommended one environmental condition and concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment.

Conclusions

The EA comment period has ended. Accordingly, SEA recommends that the following condition previously recommended in the EA should be imposed upon any decision granting abandonment authority:

1. As agreed to by CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT), CSXT shall conduct salvage activities in the following manner: perform salvage activities within the right-of-way and utilize existing public and private crossings; transport crossties and other debris away from the right-of-way, streams, wetlands, and banks of waterways; avoid disturbing the underlying roadbed and any activities that would cause sedimentation or erosion of the soil; avoid dredging or use of fill in the removal of the track material; and take precautions during salvage operations to prevent or control spills from fuels, lubricants or any other pollutant materials from entering any waterways.

If the above condition is imposed, SEA believes that the proposed action will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

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